

IN THE CLAIMS:

Subject 1.(currently amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:

a hook member for attachment to a support;

a self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging member for attachment about the neck of a bottle;

and

a joining member interconnecting having a first end secured to said self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging member and a second end secured to said hook member to interconnect said hook member to said bottleneck-engaging member.

2.(original) The bottle carrier device of claim 1 wherein said hook member is structured to provide single-handed detachable attachment of said hook member to a support.

3.(previously amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 2 wherein said hook member is a carabiner comprising a ring having a pivoted arm for opening and closing said ring.

4.(previously amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 1 wherein said self-adjusting bottleneck-engaging member is an elastomeric ring having an internal diameter sized to be received about the neck of a bottle.

5.(original) The bottle carrier device of claim 4 wherein said elastomeric ring is an O-ring having a low modulus of elasticity.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

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8.(currently amended) A bottle carrier device, comprising:
an elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member;
a closable-loop hook member for attaching to a support; and
a joining member having a first end secured to said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member and a second end secured to said hook member for attaching said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member to said hook member.

9.(previously amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 8 wherein said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member is an O-ring having a low modulus of elasticity and being sized to be positionable about the neck of a bottle.

10.(previously amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 9 wherein said closable-loop hook member is a carabiner comprising a ring having a pivoted arm for opening and closing said ring.

11.(previously amended) The bottle carrier device of claim 8 wherein said joining member is a loop of material which encircles a portion of said hook member and which also encircles a portion of said elastomeric bottleneck-engaging member.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)